



Do not pray to be patient
but to persist.
Ask for the endurance
that helps us learn
to breathe
in the midst of fear,
to love
in the presence
of sorrow,
to dream
within the rending
of the world that might
be made.

-Jan Richardson

The Order of Worship

February 1, 2026
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE (9:00) Steal Away Traditional Spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim

(11:00) There is a Balm in Gilead Harry T. Burleigh

CALL TO WORSHIP From Matthew 5 Bobby Powell

- One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
- All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- One: Blessed are those who mourn,
- All: for they will be comforted.**
- One: Blessed are the meek,
- All: for they will inherit the earth.**
- One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- All: for they will be filled.**
- One: Blessed are the merciful,
- All: for they will receive mercy.**
- One: Blessed are the pure in heart,
- All: for they will see God.**
- One: Blessed are the peacemakers,
- All: for they will be called children of God.**
- One: Come, let us worship this gracious God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! MARION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving and Blessing God, you name the poor, the meek, the peacemakers as blessed, and yet such a blessing feels distant. We live in a world so at odds with the words you use to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. Lord, give us faith to be persistent. Give us endurance that goes farther than our weariness. Teach us to breathe, to dream, and to work for the Kingdom, where all will be comforted, filled, and called children of God. Lord we want to believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spi - rit, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

HOMILY "The Beautitudes are in the Present Tense" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 372 O For a World AZMON

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) There is a Balm in Gilead Harry T. Burleigh

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain

If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all." Refrain

Kyle Foster, Soloist

(11:00) Share with the Hungry Your Bread Carol Muehlig

Share with the hungry your bread, take to the lonely your heart, strengthen the weak as in weakness you give, daily allow for fresh starts. Live in the moment as moments do come, Live out the calling begun.

Tenderly touch your mistakes softly embrace where you failed, treasure the measures of longing and love, open to change from above. Live with the question as questions do come, live out the answer begun.

Gently admit to your pain, frequently visit the strain, look to what tension, what terror you yield, kneel on the earth of their field. Sit in discomfort for patience to come, live out the healing begun.

Lovingly honor your grief, patiently pray for relief; dig up your weakness and pain and mistake, hold it to see it abate. Human and tender we willingly come, living what Christ has begun.

Annemarie Kidder

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

- One: The Lord be with you.
- Many: And also with you.**
- One: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift them to the Lord.**
- One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- One: Eternal God, holy and mighty...forever sing to the glory of your name.

The congregation will sing verse 1 below

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty...by water and the Spirit.

The congregation will sing verse 2 above

One: We give you thanks...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.
The bread and cup can be consumed as they are received.
All pre-cut bread is gluten free.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Gordon Myers

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 506 LOOK WHO GATHERS AT CHRIST'S TABLE!**

COPELAND

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Responsive)**

One: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you

All: Wherever God may send us.

One: May God guide you through the wilderness:

All: Protect us through the storm.

One: May God bring you home rejoicing:

All: At the wonders God has shown us.

One: May God bring you home rejoicing:

All: Once again to these doors. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** Ain'a That Good News Traditional Spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Cassidy Mackay and Marguerite MacDonald

GREETERS: (11:00) Sarah Fortney and Melissa Everett

LITURGIST: Bobby Powell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Kyle Foster, Soloist; 11:00 Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS: (9:00) Maria Gall and Reed Ellis

(11:00) Judy Jorden, Nancy Lowe, Alice and Charlie Mercer, Betty McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Katherine and Jaclyn Beeler in loving memory of their sweet baby, Brooks.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)
Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Barbara McNew, Breeze Blankenship, Lucinda Albiston, Cile Mathews, Betty Collins, Dean Aldridge (Allison Aldridge's father), the family of Debbie Pio (the mother of one of Jacqui Whittemore's nurses) including her daughter Gabby Pio, Byron Morginen, Dixie Rury (friend of Mary Sophia Hawks).

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children Preschool through 4th grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00am)

Adult Bible Study is reading the Book of Acts. (Prayer Room)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (McKinnon)

The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

MUSIC NOTES The music today features several traditional spirituals for organ solo or bass soloist. The arranger of the organ works, Korean native Marianne Kim, is a pianist, organist, composer, and harpsichordist who now resides in Chicago. She excels in a variety of styles including Classical, Jazz, Broadway, and R&B and has published more than 400 works. The offertory anthem features music and text written by an author and composer both based in Michigan. Carol Muehlig is the former organist at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, while text author Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder is a Presbyterian pastor who is now the Parish Associate at Kirk in the Hills Bloomfield Hills, MI. A native of Germany, Kidder came to America on a Rotary Scholarship to study journalism. She is the author and editor of ten books.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been set by Session for February 8, 2026 immediately after the 11:00am service in order to approve the 3 at large members of the nominating committee as well as the Head of Staff Terms of Call. The chair is Elder Lucy Johnson and co-chair is Elder Ken Hughes.

YOUTH TODAY At 5:00pm youth will be going through the youth room together, deciding what to keep, what to donate, and organizing it into boxes. If you don't want to help with that process, we will have arts and crafts and will be watching a movie and eating popcorn!

February 8: SOUPer Bowl Sunday-Youth will be hosting a food drive from now until February 8 and will collect canned food items and donations on SOUPer Bowl Sunday at both 9:00am and 11:00am services. Youth Group will then go to the Manrod's house that evening for a Superbowl Party!

ORGAN CONCERT SAVE THE DATE!! Join is at WPC February 27 at 7:00pm when Musica Organi presents Kola Owolabi, Professor of Organ at the University of Notre dame in Indiana.

SAVE THE DATE! Summer Camp at Westminster July 20-24. Fellowship, Music, Formation, and FUN! Last year's VBS/Choir Camp was a big hit and we look forward to welcoming campers this July. Watch for more details soon!



OFFERING

You are welcome to give during the offering as the plates are shared, or you may contribute online through our secure giving page: www.wpcknox.org/donate-options/. Offerings can also be made by scanning this QR code.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 1

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) meeting

3:45pm - Treble Choir

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

6:00pm - Crafting Theology

Tuesday, February 3

10:00am - Staff Meeting

11:00am - Program Staff Meeting

6:00pm - Handbells

Wednesday, February 4

11:30am - Emergency Devotional Class

4:30pm - Companions

6:30pm - Choir Sectionals (LKH)

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 5

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

6:00pm - Handbell Choir

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Youth Elder: Bobby Powell

Class of 2027

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

Class of 2028

Amanda Fox

Mary Jo Mann

Tim Ryan

Ginger Williams

Michael Yates

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

TRUSTEES

John Smartt

Larry Tragesser

Bill West

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

Jessie Coates from Living Hope, Inc. will lead a presentation and discussion on human trafficking on February 8 at 12:30 in the McKinnon Room.

Ms. Coates will cover topics such as:

- What is human trafficking?
- How to educate minors about trafficking
- Ways to help within your community.

A light lunch will be provided. For more information contact Jan Flint.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB Richard Coble will lead the discussion on February 12 on *Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart* by Brian McLaren. The book has been described as riveting, challenging, brave, devastating, and hopeful.

McLaren invites us to cultivate resilience and offers tangible ways to turn concern into sacred activism. We welcome all men of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books in a casual and welcoming space. They meet in the Prayer room on the second Thursday of even-numbered months at about 9:30 a.m. after the Men's Fellowship Breakfast. For more information, please contact Phil Barnette at 865-384-5542.

RECEPTION ON FEBRUARY 15 Fellowship and CONNECT invite you to enjoy cookies and punch after the 11:00 service on February 15. Valentine weekend is the perfect time to gather and express our appreciation to each other for the love, compassion, and dedication that exist within Westminster.

WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER WILL START ON FEBRUARY 25

We start with dinner at 5:30pm and follow with two program offerings for Adults:

1. Mindfulness Practices: Finding Inner Calm in Chaotic Times lead by David Dupper
2. The Gospel of Matthew: A Tale of Two Empires lead by Wendy Neff



Join Our Wednesday Night Lenten Kids Series!

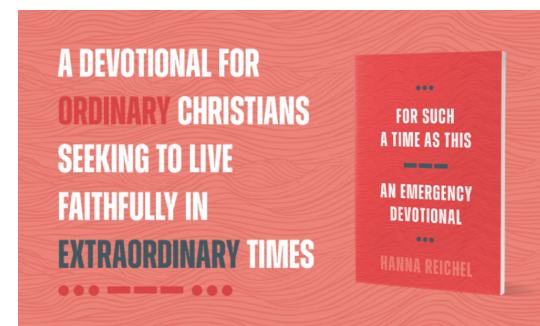
We're excited to invite all our preschool through 5th-grade children to a special Wednesday night program during Lent! Each week, kids will gather for fun, interactive Bible lessons, creative activities, music experiences, and meaningful stories that help them learn what it means to walk with Jesus during the Lenten season.

The Youth will be joining Amanda to practice mindfulness in David Dupper's class.

WEDNESDAY CLASS CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

February 4, 11, 18 - 11:30am - 12:30pm

For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional by Hanna Reichel, professor of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary and expert in the Confessing Church, the German Christian resistance to the rise of the Third Reich.



This book offers four weeks of daily devotions, asking similar questions to those we may find ourselves asking every day lately. How do Christians maintain their integrity during oppression? How do we keep on living faithfully in a time of rapid social change? Let's gather, in the final weeks of Epiphany, to discern what answers we can find together. This class will be facilitated by Richard Coble. Books are available through a bookstore of your choosing. February 4th class will review, Part 2: "Hear the Word", or Listening and Responding.

CHURCH RETREAT

April 17–19, 2026 • Tremont Lodge, Townsend

Plans are underway for a meaningful and joy-filled weekend as we gather for our 2026 All-Church Retreat. With the theme Come Closer: Curiosity. Courage. Community., the retreat team is crafting an intergenerational experience designed to help us grow in faith and in connection with one another. Tremont Lodge, freshly renovated and ready to welcome us, will again serve as our home for the weekend.

Registration is open now through March 15, 2026.

This fee covers your breakfast both mornings, as well as your lunch and dinner on Saturday. You can also purchase retreat shirts during this registration process. Please feel free to come by the church office if you need assistance in registering.

Link to sign up for registration: [wpcknox.org/retreat-registration](https://www.wpcknox.org/retreat-registration)

Room reservations open through March 15, 2026. A block of 70 rooms has been set aside for our group at a reduced rate.

Link to sign up for a room: <https://www.wpcknox.org/retreat-room-reservation/>